

Draft Agenda
01.08.13

1. Rethinking (and potentially rescheduling) our weekly meeting

- Tim will draft and circulate draft agenda for each meeting on the preceding Thursday/Friday
- Tim proposes moving the weekly meeting to Tuesday (9:00, 10:00, or 11:00)
- Rescheduled for tues at 10, 60 min (w/ potential side bars for side convos),
- What do people think about trimming meetings from 90 minutes to 60 minutes?

2. Succession planning for the Bay Delta Team

- Tim drafted and submitted to the WTR management team an informal, written rationale for backfilling Bruce's position- particularly a fish biologist and a person who integrates it with ecology and wq (Leidy? Yee?)
- Bay delta team is a black box for water div (or it appears)- presentation to mgmt?
- Still want to do those brownbags to the region on BDCP—from erin
- Sam and Tim would like to schedule an off-site, informal retreat so we can regroup and find our bearings.
- WTR-6 has offered the services of B. Macler for the technical review of drinking water issues surrounding the WQCP, BDCP, etc.
- -use bruce m. for bdcf drinking water chapter- assoc. reviewer

3. Next steps on the draft WQCP for the SJR flows and South Delta WQ

- Comments due 03/05/13 (Tuesday)
- Hearing 03/20/12 (continuing to the 21st and 22nd if necessary)
- Bay inst. And contractor and anything under 45.5% flow will not contribute to salmon recovery on the tribs, and will sue it right off the bat
- % 33 unimpaired flow- (oh you gave us 1.5% increase thnx) but a little increase for merced, but not for Stanislaus
- And took out salmon doubling and made a narrative goal “healthy salmon population”- do we say something about that?
- Tim quin? Op-ed today “regulatory pressures on the fish” backwards logic

4. Two major meetings on freshwater flows planned in January

- Friday (01.18.13) Delta Science Program – natural functional flow regime
- Wednesday (01.30.13) The Nature Conservancy – Delta ecological flows tool

5. NEPA Review

- Mendota Pool scoping comments for NEPA were submitted...(good job: VCS, Jennifer Blonn, and SS)
-major points: bringing in all the new info (incl. subsidence data (county-available), selenium, salinity, support for SJRRP

- Our comments on expansion of the SJR NRW are pending
-talked to Karen V. yesterday and she said she was sending out a draft of her comments

6. BDCP and the 17,000 page monster

- will Tim & Tom still attend federal coordination call Thurs morn- its every other thurs
- principals meeting- DWR didn't want EPA- but we'll still track it
- how much should we count on the Jan 17th release date -with maybe 120 day review- jim connor will have a meeting with DWR to really decide this
- what would be the best way for me to prepare? le I have nothing on my plate right now, or make an outline/reiterate our goals? /what is the outcome we want?- can't know this until next thurs I think
- monthly hot projects for Enrique—what should I put? – call Tom H. about this
- tom says his impression was that Karen said this should be low priority because the lead agencies haven't even seen it yet- but wouldn't it be better to have input now rather than at the public draft phase in later spring?

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7. Filing and archiving (building the electronic archive on g:share)

- need to work on access for tom and stephanie
- rest of the fed gov is moving to googledocs

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